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Please amend the first paragraph of page 1, as follows:

(1) This is a continuation of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US99/21170, filed on September 13, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Serial No. 60/100,182, filed [March 12, 1998] September 14, 1998, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21 as follows:

(2) Conditioned media (48 hours) obtained from ST2 alone, 5TGM1 ~~alone~~ alone, and co-cultures of ST2 and 5TGM1 were assayed for bone resorbing activity in organ cultures of 45 calcium-labeled fetal rat long bones. Labeled fetal rat long bones were cultured in the presence of conditioned media (40%v/v) or control medium for 120 hours. Data are expressed as percentage increase of calcium release over than in the control medium. Release from conditioned medium of ST2 stromal cells is shown as the open bar. Release from 5TGM 1 is the hatched bar. Release from conditioned medium harvested from co-culture of 5TGM1 and ST2 is the closed bar. Data are expressed as mean + S.E. (n=4). \* = significantly different from ST2 alone. significantly different from 5TGM1 alone.